

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1227
By Cobb

A RESOLUTION to honor Tim Gray upon the occasion of his
induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse
National Celebration Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those remarkable professionals who have rendered valuable service to the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, one of the Volunteer State's largest and most successful enterprises in terms of agriculture, commerce, tourism, and equine sports; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is the premier event for the Tennessee Walking Horse; spanning eleven days and nights prior to Labor Day and encompassing exciting competition, the Celebration annually awards more than \$650,000 in prize money and crowns the breed's World Grand Champion and some twenty World Champions; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2004, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) will be inducting thirteen worthy people into the TWHNC Hall of Fame during a gala evening at Calsonic Arena on the Celebration grounds in Shelbyville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the TWHNC Hall of Fame ceremony is held biennially to specially honor and recognize those sterling professionals who "have made significant and outstanding contributions to the Walking Horse industry and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration" during "fifteen or more years involvement with the breed"; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary 2004 class of TWHNC Hall of Fame inductees most appropriately includes Tim Gray, one of the finest trainers in the Walking Horse industry; and

WHEREAS, Tim Gray is proudly carrying on a family tradition, as he is the son of the legendary Billy Gray, who has previously been inducted into the TWHNC Hall of Fame as a trainer; and

WHEREAS, not content to rest on the laurels of his illustrious family lineage, Tim Gray has distinguished himself as one of the most outstanding trainers in the Walking Horse industry by training and riding many Celebration champions in many different age groups and divisions; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Gray is very active in his community and his church and volunteers his time and considerable talents in support of numerous worthy religious, civic, and charitable projects; and

WHEREAS, by means of his induction into the TWHNC Hall of Fame, Tim Gray has earned the ultimate accolade given by the Walking Horse industry, and he should be specially recognized on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Tim Gray upon his induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame, commend him for his meritorious service to the Walking Horse industry and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.